

Schuylkill Arsenal, Building No. 1
(U.S. Laboratory, Enlisted Men's Barracks,
Luding Hall)
2620 Gray's Ferry Avenue, at northwest corner
of Peltz Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE PENNSYLVANIA		COUNTY PHILADELPHIA	TOWN OR VICINITY PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) SCHUYLKILL ARSENAL, BUILDING No. 1			HABS NO. PA-1540 A
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE U.S. Laboratory; Enlisted Men's Barracks; Luding Hall			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 2620 Gray's Ferry Ave., at NW corner of Peltz Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1800, as indicated by date stone on east elevation		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) An early example of military barracks. Demolished in 1962.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Red brick, Flemish bond.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approx. 100' (eleven-bay front) X 42' including wing; three-and-a-half stories high.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Stone foundation; hipped roof; medial brick chimneys; stone stills; twelve wooden dormers with round-top double-hung windows; simple molded cornice.			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Not recorded.			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Wing enclosed after 1872.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Webster, Richard. <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> . Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1976. Historic American Buildings Survey, Architect's Worksheet			
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